

COMPUTER / USER AGREEMENT

Saint Rose School offers access to the school computer network and designated Internet access in order to further the educational goals and objectives of the school. Internet access will enable students to explore thousands of libraries and databases while exchanging information worldwide. We believe that the benefits to students from Internet access, namely, information resources and opportunities for collaboration, exceed the potential disadvantages. St. Rose School is providing layered access, but families should be warned that some material on the Internet might be objectionable. While St. Rose School will establish guidelines and attempt to monitor all access, parents are also responsible for setting and conveying standards that their children must follow when using media and information sources. To that end, St. Rose School supports and respects each family's right to decide whether or not to apply for access.

RULES FOR STUDENT INTERNET USE

- ◆ Students are responsible for good behavior on the school computer network just as they are in the classroom and on the school grounds.
- ◆ The network is provided to conduct research and communicate with others under the direction of the teacher. Access is restricted to teacher directed assignments. **NO STUDENT MAY USE THE INTERNET in any other capacity!**
- ◆ Access requires responsibility. Parent permission is required.
- ◆ Network administrators retain the right to review files and communications to maintain system integrity and insure that users are using the system responsibly. Users should not expect that files stored on the school server will remain private.
- ◆ Outside of school use of the Internet is a family responsibility. We encourage parents to monitor their child/ren's internet use closely and consistently.
- ◆ Disks C/Ds, and/or Flashdrives of any kind **may not be brought to school and installed on the school's controlled network.** Our goal is to maintain a sterile environment.

The following are NOT permitted: (This list shall not be considered exhaustive) -

- ◆ Violating copyright laws
- ◆ Using another person's password
- ◆ Trespassing in another person's folder, work, or files
- ◆ Damaging computers, computer systems, or the school network. (Parents will be charged for repairs.)
- ◆ Wasting time or limited resources
- ◆ Sending or displaying offensive messages, pictures or disrespectful/obscene/abusive language
- ◆ Using the network for any non-academic or personal purposes

Violations will result in loss of access or any other disciplinary or legal action as needed.

- Computer Access is a privilege - NOT a right -

St. Rose School is strictly enforcing the school guidelines regarding posting or publishing online. Parents are advised to please investigate what their child/ren is witnessing online.

STUDENT POLICY REGARDING BLOGGING:

All students must be aware of the following expectations of those who choose to publish or post to a web log or websites (such as Zanga.com, Myspace.com, Friendster.com, Facebook.com, Yahoo, MSM, etc.), news-groups, e-mails lists and other forms of online communication.

- ◆ If a child/ren chooses to identify themselves as a St. Rose School student, they may not represent themselves or our school community in a manner that negatively reflects St. Rose School's Mission or Philosophy Statements.
- ◆ Parents and students may not publish or post St. Rose school information, including but not limited to, use of logos, team/club photos or images, or references to employees. Further, you may not post comments, or pictures of a fellow student without their permission.
- ◆ You are legally responsible for the content you post. This means you or your family may be held personally liable for defamation, libel, obscenity, etc.
- ◆ In all instances, students are expected to use good judgment when blogging, chatting, or posting online. Failure to use good judgment may result in disciplinary action up to and including suspension or expulsion from St. Rose School.

WEBSITE / MEDIA GUIDELINES

School Web Site:

St. Rose School teachers and students may design their own class web pages, sharing their writing and classroom activities with the Internet community. No copyrighted materials will be used including photographs, cartoons, and logos without written consent. Electronic publications are expected to meet conventional academic standards of proper spelling, grammar, and accuracy of information.

- Parental permission must be obtained before loading any student's names, pictures, or written work. (A permission slip will be sent home at the beginning of the school year, to be renewed annually.)
- All school web site addresses (URLs) must be registered with the school principal.
- As indicated on the Web Site Parent Permission Form, students will have the option of using an alias, and no surnames will be used.
- Students must submit their web work to their classroom teacher for approval. Teachers are responsible for screening student work to eliminate personal information such as home addresses, phone numbers, or the names of other students. Students must be cautioned against revealing this information as well.

Media Relations:

Catholic schools are expected to exercise cooperation with the media. St. Rose School recognizes that the media influences the public's understanding of Catholic schools, policies, programs, and events. Media also can be helpful in communicating with the public about school strengths, needs, opportunities, and concerns.

- Parental permission must be obtained before publishing any students' names, pictures, or written work on the web site or give to the media.
- Any student who is photographed or interviewed by the media will be allowed only at the discretion of the principal and in his/her presence and not before permission is granted from the student's parent or guardian.

Students will not divulge any personal information when submitting work for inclusion on the St. Rose School or classroom website or when submitting information to the media. This includes information such as home/school addresses or home/school telephone numbers or names. If these guidelines are disregarded, a student will be subject to disciplinary action by the principal. When student's written work, name and/or an interview is sought by the media, schools must seek appropriate permission from parents / students to ensure the privacy and confidentiality of families.